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SUBJECT: ARA SECURITY VEHICLE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

REF: PANAMA 7192

1. EMBASSY NOW HAS ACQUIRED FROM U.S. MILITARY IN CANAL ZONE APPROXIMATELY 12,000 SQ FT OF GOOD WAREHOUSE SPACE FOR IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY. RTC BEING ALLOCATED ABOUT 3,000 SQ FT OF NEW SPACE OF WHICH 1,600 SQ FT WILL BE ENCLOSED AND AIR CONDITIONED TO PROVIDE OFFICE SPACE AND A WORK AREA FOR THE TWO SEABEES WHO WILL ARRIVE AT PANAMA IN JANUARY TO ESTABLISH THE SECURITY VEHICLE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM. SOME GENERAL RTC STORAGE ALSO WILL BE LOCATED IN THE ENCLOSED AREA. RTC PERSONNEL HAVE INSPECTED THE SPACE AND HAVE FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING COST ESTIMATES FOR MAKING IT SECURE AND SUITABLE FOR USE BY THE SEABEES:

A) LUMBER FOR CONSTRUCTION OF WALLS, OVERHEAD STORAGE \$3,000
DECK, WORK BENCHES, STORAGE CUPBOARDS IN A MANNER WHICH WILL AFFORD GOOD SECURITY AND SEPARATE IT FROM OTHER PORTION OF WAREHOUSE WHICH WILL BE USED FOR GENERAL STORAGE BY EMBASSY:

B) ELECTRICAL WORK INVOLVING INSTALLATION OF OVERHEAD 1,950
LIGHTING OUTLETS FOR POWER TOOLS, JUNCTION BOXES AND ASSOCIATED ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT. ALL WORK TO BE

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DONE UNDER SEABEE SUPERVISION AND IN MANNER WHICH

WILL PROVIDE SAFE WORKING CONDITIONS FOR SEABEES;

C) PURCHASE OF 36,000 BTU CENTRAL AIRCONDITIONING UNIT 2,300
FOR SPACE. MACHINE AVAILABLE LOCALLY.

D) LABOR: TWO MANUAL LABORERS AND ONE TRADESMAN FOR 720
FOUR WEEKS.

TOTAL COST \$7,970

2. ALTHOUGH TELEPHONE SERVICE PRESENTLY NOT IN RTC SPACE, EMBASSY
PLANS TO ARRANGE FOR ITS INSTALLATION WITH U.S. MILITARY.
COST NOT EXPECTED TO EXCEED \$100 ANNUALLY.

3. FOR ARA/EX: NEW WAREHOUSE SPACE ACQUIRED FROM MILITARY ON
RENT FREE BASIS. SOME COSTS MAY BE INCURRED FOR ELECTRICITY
AND MAINTENANCE, BUT TOTAL ANNUAL COSTS WILL BE LESS THAN
CURRENT RENTAL COST FOR OLD AND TERMITE RIDDEN SPACE WHICH
PRESENTLY RENTED FROM PAN CANAL GOVERNMENT AND FOR WHICH CURRENT
ANNUAL RENTAL IS \$5,028. THIS SPACE BEING VACATED AT END OF
FEBRUARY. ONE-TIME EXPENSES FOR MAKING GENERAL STORAGE AREA
IN NEW SPACE SUITABLE TO NEEDS WILL BE MINIMAL AND CAN BE
ABSORBED WITHIN AMOUNT ALREADY ALLOCATED FOR WAREHOUSE SPACE
THIS FY.

4. DEPARTMENT'S EARLY ALLOCATION OF \$7,970 WILL ENABLE WORK
TO COMMENCE AT AN EARLY DATE ON SEABEE OFFICE SHOP AND
STORAGE AREA OF WAREHOUSE.

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